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Hon. Paul G. Gardephe
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: *New York Immigration Coalition v. U.S. Immigration & Customs
Enforcement, et al.*, No. 18 Civ. 4376 (PGG)

Dear Judge Gardephe:

I write on behalf of defendants U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") and U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") (collectively, the "Government") and plaintiff New York Immigration Coalition ("NYIC"), the parties in the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") case, to provide the joint letter due today under the schedule the parties proposed in their letter dated January 31, 2020. Dkt. No. 29 (memo endorsed). In that letter, the parties informed the Court that they were discussing a process by which the Government would provide more detailed explanations of its claimed exemptions in an effort to resolve all or part of this case consensually.¹

The parties have since conferred and jointly propose the following next steps in this case. By April 28, 2020, the Government will provide NYIC with a draft *Vaughn* index of 40 CBP documents identified by NYIC, 15 ICE documents identified by NYIC, five documents that were withheld in full by CBP (to be identified by the Government), and five documents that were withheld in full by ICE (to be identified by the Government). To allow time for the Government to complete this index, for NYIC to review it, and for the parties to confer as to its contents, the parties respectfully propose that they submit a status letter to the Court by May 15, 2020.

The parties thank the Court for its consideration of this submission.

RECORDED:

Paul G. Gardephe

Paul G. Gardephe, U.S.D.J.

March 3, 2020

¹ At this time, NYIC does not intend to challenge the adequacy of ICE's or CBP's searches for records responsive to NYIC's FOIA requests.

Respectfully,

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